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1. Government officials in the Russian sector of Berlin told that workers' demonstrations were planned for the following day to give an appearance of democratic unity between the government and the population. According to the plan, construction workers of a Stalinallee brigade (believed to be Brigade No. 70), about 170 men in all, were to drop work and march through the heart of the city, demanding the abolition of the increase in work norms, the payment of back wages, and improvement of the distribution of consumer goods. Minister Fritz Selbmann was to grant the workers' demands, after which the demonstrators were to return to work.
2. When the demonstration took place on 16 June, after Selbmann's speech the brigade leader declared that the demands had been met and the brigade raised a sign exhorting the demonstrators to return to work. At this point a worker pushed Selbmann aside and the demonstration got out of hand.

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